Winding up of Wagon India Limited

1890. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to wind up Wagon India Limited;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether some private companies are putting pressure to wind up Wagon India Ltd.; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to implement the objective for which Wagon India Limited was set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (d) There is stiff competition both in the public and private sector to supply wagons to the Railways in a situation where the demand falls short of installed capacity to manufacture wagons. Wagon India Limited (WIL) was established initially to distribute the orders for wagons among all participants, public and private. Government is now examining the utility of WIL in the context of the Railways having resorted to tenders for the procurement of the wagons and competition from the private sector.

BHEL Staffers are Egging on NTPC

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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item "Industry Ministry resents Power Minister's charges that BHEL staffers are egging on NTPC" published in Indian Express, dated 22nd February 2000; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?